GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MoU with Australia
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Australia propose to intensify existing partnership in higher education and research including technical and professional education, schools, vocational education and training in the country;
(b) if so, whether India and Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the fields of education, training and research and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the number of students likely to be benefited as a result thereof; and
(d) whether India has signed similar MoUs with other countries and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c): India and Australia already have a very active bilateral cooperation in the field of education. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the fields of Education, Training and Research was signed on 24th August, 2015 at New Delhi during the third Australia-India Education Council meeting. The objective of the MoU, inter alia, includes increase in cooperation across all education sectors − schools, vocational education and training (VET) and higher education including technical and professional education. Outcome of the MoU in terms of students benefited is not quantifiable at this juncture.
(d) The Government has signed Educational Exchange Programmes (EEPs) / Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)/ Joint Declaration of Intent (JDIs)/ Joint Statements in the field of education with 54 countries/group of countries. The list of the countries is annexed.
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